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Dear SciDAC Reviewer:

I'm writing this review letter to express strong support for the SciDAC Visualization and Analytics Center for Enabling Technology (VACET) in their upcoming program review.

I am writing as the Manager of the Advanced Integration Group and Acting Director of Operations for the Argonne Leadership Computing Facility (ALCF). In this role, one of my responsibilities is to ensure that the visualization and analysis needs are met for the INCITE simulations run on ALCF machines.

We greatly appreciate the support we have received from VACET in getting VisIt up and running at Argonne. We have had many INCITE users request VisIt for their visualization and analysis needs and VACET has been crucial to meeting these needs. They have ported, installed, and maintained VisIt on Eureka, our dedicated machine for analyzing the results coming off our BG/P machine. They have modified VisIt's communication protocols to enable client-server communication specifically for our Eureka machine, which enables our many remote users to use VisIt effectively. They have even assisted in porting the Silo I/O library, because of the Silo expertise on their team. Finally, they have been willing to consult with ALCF team members on how to effectively use VisIt. All of these efforts have been important to the success of our mission.

Please feel free to contact me should you need any further information.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William E. Allcock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Allcock" clearly legible.

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